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Lester Conner

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Lester Conner brings 15 years of NBA coaching and scouting experience to the Nuggets following three seasons as the lead assistant for the Atlanta Hawks. He also has been the associate head coach for the Philadelphia 76ers (2004-05) and an assistant with the Indiana Pacers (2007-10), Boston Celtics (1998-2004) and Milwaukee Bucks (2005-07).

Conner, who played for seven teams in 12 NBA seasons, began his pro coaching career in 1998 as an assistant to Rick Pitino in Boston. He also has worked as a scout for the Miami Heat and an assistant coach for the Magic Johnson All-Stars.

A first-round pick of the Golden State Warriors in 1982 (14th overall), Conner averaged 6.3 points and 3.9 assists with the Warriors, Bucks, Pacers, Houston Rockets, New Jersey Nets, Los Angeles Clippers and Los Angeles Lakers. He earned a Continental Basketball Association championship as a member of the Rapid City Thrillers in 1986-87.

Conner grew up in Oakland, winning a California state championship his senior year at Fremont High School. After two years at Chabot Junior College in California, he played for the legendary Ralph Miller at Oregon State, helping lead the Beavers to a 52-6 record. He was named an AP All-American and Pac-10 Player of the Year as a senior.

Born Sept. 17, 1959 in Memphis, Tenn., Conner and his wife Stacy are parents of twin daughters, Simone and Alana.